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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IN TAM ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION

1. AT THE CONCLUSION OF AN IMPROMPTU RADIO AND TELEVISION ADDRESS LAST NIGHT (OCTOBER 10) DESIGNED PRINCIPALLY TO REASSURE THE POPULATION ON THE RICE SITUATION, PRIME MINISTER IN TAM MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS, QUOTE BEFORE CONCLUDING I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU OF CLANDESTINE DIVISIVE ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN DIRECTED IN PART AT MYSELF. I RECALL THAT MY GOVERNMENT WAS BORN ON MAY 16, 1973. IT WILL HAVE THUS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR FIVE MONTHS ON OCTOBER 15. IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE POLITICAL FORMULA, I SUBMITTED MY RESIGNATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 6. I THUS HOPE THAT THESE DIVISIVE ACTIVITIES WILL CEASE SO THAT WE CAN AVOID A POLITICAL CRISIS. END QUOTE.

2. COMING AS IT DID AT THE END OF HIS SPEECH AND GIVEN
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THE FACT THAT THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF THE SPEECH WAS RICE,

MANY LISTENERS APPARENTLY DID NOT CATCH THE IMPORT OF
IN TAM'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. COMMENT: IF TAM UNQUESTIONABLY WANTS OUT, AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL ARE ANXIOUS TO WIND
UP HIS LARGELY FAILED GOVERNMENT. WHETHER THEY CAN GET
HIM TO STAY ON IN THE COUNCIL, AS THEY HOPE, IS MOOT.
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